

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-01-17

Issued at Nome, Alaska
January 11, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
January 11, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska resident winter season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM843 in Unit 22(B), that portion west of the Darby Mountains, at 11:59 p.m. on January 11, 2017 (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section, below*). The harvest quota of 10 antlered bulls has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in the Remainder of Unit 22(B):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration
permit only; or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 9

1 antlered bull by
registration permit only

Jan. 1 - Jan. 11

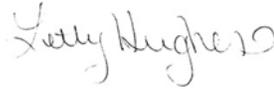
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Letty Hughes
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The western Unit 22(B) moose population has remained stable at a low density ($\leq 0.25/\text{mi}^2$) with recruitment rates at or below 10% between 1999 and 2013. The 2016 spring GSPE moose population survey estimated a recruitment rate of 14% short yearlings. The Alaska Board of Game established a moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22(B) and the department set an annual harvest quota of 34 bulls based on results from the 2016 spring GSPE moose population survey. The fall season closed Sept. 9, 2016 with a reported harvest of 24 bull moose. The winter season, hunt RM843, opened January 1, 2017 with a harvest quota of 10 antlered bulls. The harvest quota has been reached and no further harvest is warranted.

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